

LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD BY TELEGRAPH AND CABLE.

THE WAR IN
SOUTH AFRICA.The Unusual Saturday Night's
Absence of Reliable News.

THE ATTITUDE OF RUSSIA

Report That the Czar Will Demand That
England Conclude Peace With the
Boers Forthwith—Heavy Bombardment
of British Trenches at Warrenton—Pres-
ents for Prisoners at Pretoria—Bloem-
fontein Hard Pressed—British Severely
Punished by the Burghers of Rouxville.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

London, April 15.—There has been the
usual Saturday night's absence of news
both from the War Office and from
other sources of information. The
situation in its chief points is appar-
ently unchanged.

Natives report at Kimberley that
Colonel Douglas engaged the Boers
near Zwartkops on Wednesday and
succeeded in driving them back. The
British casualties were slight.

Blandsburg last evening reported
that there had been no traces of the
Boers in that neighborhood for the past
two days. Their progress southward
has been effectively barred by the British
occupation of Jonenokos on the left and
Umbulwani on the right. The
belief that the Boers' action on Tues-
day was due to restlessness and dissat-
isfaction in the ranks is confirmed by
natives, who say that the Boers have
been ready for some time and wanted
the British to attack them. In order
to force this the Boers commenced
shelling, at the same time sending a
force to make a flanking movement
on the left. The natives also confirm
the statement that one of the Boers'
heavy guns was put out of action and
the gunners driven off.

BOER SIN STRONG POSITION.

The scouts on Saturday located the
Boers in a strong position eleven miles
north-east of the British advanced pos-
ition at Bloemfontein.

It appears from every indication that
the Boers are preparing, in the event of
Pretoria being captured, to make a last
stand along a line reaching from Leyd-
enberg along the mountains into Swazi-
land. A traveler recently arrived at
Bloemfontein says that the Boers are
energetically working to persuade the
Swazis that the British cause is lost
and are seeking to ingratiate them-
selves, hoping to secure a footing in
Swaziland peacefully, or to seize hold
of the country if necessary.

ATTITUDE OF RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, April 14.—The Czar and
Czarina started last evening for Mos-
cow.

Extraordinary persistent rumors are
current in Moscow that on Russian
Easter Sunday the Czar will issue a
manifesto containing an ultimatum to
Great Britain demanding that she con-
clude peace with the Boers forthwith
under threat of occupying Cabul and
Herat if Great Britain fails to comply.
This report is connected by some per-
sons with the fact that no reservists
are at present allowed to take unlimited
leave, but probably the order to the
reservists are connected with the pro-
jected summer manoeuvres in the cen-
tral provinces in which 200,000 troops
will participate and at which Emperor
William is expected to be present.

HEAVY BOMBARDMENT.

London, April 14.—2:07 p. m.—The
only development reported thus far to-
day in the cable dispatches received
here from South Africa is the heavy
bombardment of the British trenches at
Warrenton, April 13, but which re-
sulted in no damage, the Boers appar-
ently being under the impression that
the British meditated an attack.

From Boer sources it is learned that
General Botha has returned from the
fighting lines at the Boers' request
that the British have removed their
camp in the direction of Blandsburg.
As the British camp has been situated
at that place for some time the sig-
nificance of General Botha's statement
is not quite clear.

REASSURING REPORTS.

The re-assuring reports from Bloem-
fontein published in this morning's pa-
pers have done much to restore con-
fidence in London. All the correspond-
ents seem agreed that Lord Roberts
knows what he is about. The critics of
the African papers eagerly speculate
on the possibilities of the Boer com-
mands at Wepener being cut off. "This
seems quite possible, as the force from
Bloemfontein is advancing by way of
Dewet's Drift. General Chormisdo is
nearing the objective with the Thrid di-
vision by way of Reddarsburg, and
General Brabant's force is moving from
Allwal North by way of Rouxville and
Bushman Kop, while across the border
a strong force of Basutos are closely
watching events. In the meanwhile,
General Rundle's division is concen-
trating at Springfontein. Lord Me-
thuen's force is trying to get to Hoop-
land, and it is believed that General
Hunter's division will strengthen the
British left at Fourteen Streams.

PRESENTS FOR PRISONERS.

Pretoria, April 13.—United States
Consul Adelbert S. Hay has received
six and one-half tons of presents for
British military prisoners mostly from
England and the Cape, comprising
luxuries, groceries, cigars, cigarettes
and beds for the hospitals. It has been
admitted duty free to the Transvaal,
and every article afforded, which has
greatly gratified Mr. Hay. He recently
visited the prisoners at Watvaal and
says he found everything as well as

could be expected under the circum-
stances.
Good Friday was observed as a holi-
day throughout the republic.
All is reported quiet at the front.

OFF FOR ST. HELENA.
Cape Town, April 14.—The transport
Lake Erie, with upwards of five hun-
dred Transvaal prisoners, including
French, German and Russian members
of the foreign legion, captured at
Boshof, sailed for St. Helena to-day.

BLOEMFONTEIN HARD PRESSED.
Leemokop, Southeast of Bloemfontein,
Monday, April 9.—The Boer command
which is still in the southern district,
and which, it was feared, had been cut
off, has rendered a good account of it-
self with the Basutoland police who had
invaded the Orange Free State.

Four British scouts who were cap-
tured say that Bloemfontein is hard
pressed for water. They add that all
the private wells were guarded, and
civilians were not permitted to use
them until the troops were supplied.

SEVERELY PUNISHED.
Commandant Dewet has filed a report
that the British who fled from
Smithfield southward were severely
punished by the burghers of Rouxville.

News received here from Johannes-
burg Drift says a British force of
about one thousand men, mainly com-
posed of Brabant's Horse, with Gen-
eral Brabant commanding, is surround-
ed at Robson's mills, with a re-
mote chance of relief or effective re-
sistance.

WORK OF CONGRESS.

PRIVATE PENSION BILLS—THE
TRANSVAAL WAR.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
Washington, April 14.—Beyond the
passage of eighty-three private pension
bills and some general measures of
minor importance, the Senate trans-
acted little business to-day. The
Alaskan civil code bill was under con-
sideration for some time, but finally
went over until Monday, when an effort
will be made to get a vote upon it.

Mr. Herry (Arkansas) directed atten-
tion to the fact that the House of Rep-
resentatives had adopted a resolution
in favor of the election of Senators by
the people, and he appealed to the
Committee on Privileges and Elections,
to which his resolution proposing an
amendment to the Constitution for the
election of Senators by the people had
been referred to present a report either
in favor of or against the resolution.
He regarded it as one of the most im-
portant questions before the country.

Mr. Chandler, chairman of the Com-
mittee on Privileges and Elections, said
the committee had been very much en-
gaged thus far this session, "but now
that the opinion of the Senator from
Arkansas has been re-enforced by ac-
tion of the House, doubtless the com-
mittee will immediately proceed to con-
sider the subject."

Then the senior Senator from South
Dakota resumed his speech on the history
of the Boer war, advocating the
adoption of Mr. Mason's resolution ex-
pressive of sympathy for the Boers in
their fight against Great Britain.

ENGLAND ANATHEMATIZED.
The Senator anathematized England
in every phase of her Government and
declared that her colonies were cursed
by her control.

"I hope the day will come—and I
hope the Transvaal war will furnish
the opportunity—when Ireland will rise
and sweep every British soldier and
every British landlord into the sea."

At 4:31 the Senate adjourned.

THE TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE.

THEIR OFFICIAL HEAD CON-
SIDERS THE VICTORY WON.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
Atlanta, Ga., April 14.—More con-
fidence seemed to pervade both parties
to the strike of the telegraphers on the
Southern Railway to-day than at any
time since the walkout was ordered.

The Southern officials, speaking of
the condition on the divisions center-
ing in Atlanta, say that they are nor-
mal.

"No strike exists so far as we are
concerned," is the railroad officials' statement.

President Powell, in his daily state-
ment, says:

"I consider the victory won by the
telegraphers. My reports show that
several of the most important divisions
are absolutely tied up, no freight or
passengers running. My advice from
Chattanooga shows that the line
through those cities is completely
blocked. Not a train is moving. The
United States fast mail train from
Washington to Memphis via Salisbury,
Asheville, Knoxville and Chattanooga
has been annulled, and no trains are
moving in that section.

"At Birmingham the situation is per-
fectly satisfactory. Nothing but pas-
senger trains are moving on the Birmingham
division and the Alabama
Great Western. Freight is congested
and a large number of loads of per-
ishable stuff has been lost in that sec-
tion. At Charlotte the strike is effec-
tive on all freight business. This is
also true of the lines north and east
toward Washington.

"The strike is spreading at Augusta
and Columbia. Seven more men struck
between Salisbury and Charlotte last
night. Not an operator is working at Au-
gusta, the Southern dispatchers striking
last night. The people at Corona,
Ala., in the mining district, refuse to
provide food for the scab operators sent
there. At Tusculum, Ala., Superintendent
Rickey's stenographer went to work,
but soon quit. At Coal Creek,
Tenn., the miners held a meeting and
pledged their support to our cause. On
the Murphy and Asheville division not
a train is running of any sort. Every
office is closed tight. The citizens
ordered scabs to leave Newells, N. C.,
to-day."

Meeting Monday Night.

The Second Ward Democratic Club
will hold a meeting Monday night at its
rooms at 100 Church street. A number
of the candidates will be present and
make addresses.

EXPOSITION AT
PARIS NOW OPEN.Mixture of Sumptuous Splendor
and Widespread Confusion.

VERY SIMPLE CEREMONIAL

A Great Crowd Lines the Route by Which
President Loubet Proceeded to the
Grand Show—The Public Massed Be-
hind Red-Trousered Soldiers Cheered
the Chief Executive of the French Na-
tion. He Declared That "the American
Always Does Right"—Closing Scenes.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Paris, April 14.—The Exposition of
1900 is opened, but it will be at least a
month before anything but buildings
is to be seen. The day's ceremonies were
a peculiar mixture of sumptuous splendor
in the Salles des Fetes and wide-
spread confusion elsewhere.

Nothing could have exceeded the pic-
turesque stage settings in the beautiful
building in which the inaugural cere-

read in a resonant voice, heard
throughout the vast hall.
M. Millerand's peroration was espe-
cially fine, and it brought forth a storm
of applause.

President Loubet then replied, and
the speaking part of the function here
ended.

A GRAND SPECTACLE.

The spectacle that met President
Loubet's eyes, when, amid the resound-
ing strains of the Marseillaise, he
stepped to the front of the Presidential
dais on his entry into the Salle des
Fetes, was probably never seen before
within the walls of any building. The
vast circus was filled with a sea of
human beings, who overflowed the bal-
conies jutting out from the sides. The
decoration of the interior was a
triumph of artistic skill, with a hand-
some stained glass dome, through
which the rays of sunlight filtered down
upon the concourse below, and a color
scheme in mutual painting with the
strikingly executed frescoes of approp-
riate allegories in brilliant relief. The
galleries and balconies were draped
with red plush and the hall was pro-
fusely adorned with trophies of tri-
color flags, opening fan-like from
shields bearing the letters "R. F."

AN ATTRACTIVE GROUP.

The group among the great assembly
which was the most attractive was the
body of foreign representatives in pic-
turesque attire. Since Victor's jubilee
or the Czar's coronation, no such con-
gress of strange and gorgeous national
costumes has been seen.

AN IMPOSING SPECTACLE.

On the conclusion of President Lou-
bet's speech the procession formed, and
amid the strains of "La Marche Heri-
clique" rendered by the Republican band,
proceeded across the Salle des Fetes be-

ENGLAND STILL
VERY JUBILANT.Is Not Dismayed by Reverses in
South Africa.

WILL BOYCOTT EXPOSITION

The Tone of the French Press Will Keep
Away Thousands of English—Sir George
White's Home Coming—Killed in South
Africa—Young Somers Somerset Loses
a Dukedom—The Shamrock—Condi-
tion of Stephen Crane—Inflow of Ameri-
cans—An Ancient Show.

London, April 14.—Easter-eggs this
season are decorated with pictures of
General Lord Roberts and Union Jacks,
with Shamrocks and Irish harps inter-
woven on their grounds. Political af-
airs are in a dormant state and war
and the spirit of imperialism are in the
ascendant. Had any one dared to proph-
esy at this time last year that these
things would come about within twelve
months, he would have been laughed to
scorn. A spirit of rejoicing pervades the

life, and the eighty-one men and
eighty-one women who the other day
trotted up to the Abbey chancel
formed a striking, living commentary
on the great age of the Empire's active
sovereign.

SIR GEORGE WHITE.

Next week will doubtless be marked
by scenes of enthusiasm over the ar-
rival of Sir George White. Despite
what were alleged to be his mistakes, it
is doubtful if any British general ex-
cept Lord Roberts is half so popular as
is the defender of Ladysmith. Buckles
bearing his photograph are already
generally worn; and, in this connection,
it is interesting to note that the En-
glish papers once decided as the "Am-
erican button" had come into popu-
larity in England.

The Outlook relates that while Sir
George White stood in the market-place
at Ladysmith immediately after the re-
lief of that place, with cheering
throats surged around him and as the
congratulatory message of the Queen
was being read out, he said, with emo-
tion:

"England is very kind to me, who
has lost her two regiments.
The simple pathos, readiness to ac-
cept blame and pluck of this man have
touched the hearts of the people as
deeply as if he had won a hundred bat-
tles. Moreover, he is the friend and
pupil of the beloved idol, "Bobs."

KILLED IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Curiously enough, the same day Ser-
geant Patrick Campbell's name appear-
ed on the list of killed in South Africa.
The husband of another actress was
numbered in the same column. He
was Captain Tennant, who four years
ago married Maude Millett. Campbell
was a well-known sportsman and mar-
rying before his wife had any idea of
going on the stage. He was obliged to
seek a living, wandered to South Africa
and secured an engagement at a hotel
in Beira, by which he was paid and
fed in return for his daily services
with his gun and the contents of his
game-bag. While thus employed his
wife went on the London stage, made a
hit and begged her husband to return,
but he refused to do so until he be-
came independent.

YOUNG SOMERSET'S LOSS.

Young Somers Somerset, the son of
Lady Henry Somerset, who is well
known in America, has been deprived
of his chances of becoming Duke of
Beaufort by the birth of a son, to the
present holder of that title. For years
young Somerset has been the heir ap-
parent to the Dukedom, and he is the
Duke of Beaufort only had two daugh-
ters. But now, for the first time in a
century and a half, a Marquis of Wor-
cester has been born, and Somerset,
during the life of this young Marquis,
will never be called his Grace. Som-
erset married four years ago and has a
son. Though this unexpected Marquis
of Worcester, for the Duke is an old
man, robs Somerset of the chances of
able fortune upon the demise of his
father, whose marriage to Lady Henry
resulted in such notorious unhappiness
and disagreement, Young Somerset is
one of the keenest motor-car experts in
England.

THE SHAMROCK.

Designer Fife is busy making plans
for improving the Shamrock. He has
had a testing-tank fitted up, various
models are being tried and the results
are carefully tabulated to enable him to
redraft the lines of the defeated Cup-
Challenger. It is said that Fife has a
free hand in making any alterations
he may see fit.

POOR STEPHEN CRANE.

Poor Stephen Crane, who has been
lying at the point of death, has, for the
past year, been occupying one of the
oldest houses in England. It is situated
in the loveliest part of Sussex, and is
owned by Mr. Moreton Frewen. It is
1400. In reality it is a miniature castle.
There, with straw littered over the
stone floors, with huge old fire-places
burning brightly and with everything
as in the feudal times, the men who
wrote "The Red Badge of Courage" has
been turning out books and magazine
stories with a regularity which few
who knew him in his younger days
gave him credit for. His recent work
has called forth unstinted praise from
England's greatest critics and though,
perhaps, he is the most American of all
Americans in England, no one in En-
glish literary circles is spoken of more
lovingly and admiringly than the au-
thor, whose career threatens to end be-
fore he reaches his thirtieth year. His
wife is with him.

BRYAN DEMOCRATS.

WILL WELCOME DEWEY INTO
DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
Chicago, April 14.—Bryan Democrats
have decided to welcome Admiral
Dewey into the Democratic party. Such
is the position officially outlined in to-
day's issue of the Democratic press
bulletin.

"We may accept the Admiral's decla-
ration that he is with the Democratic
party at least on an overwhelming ma-
jority of the issues it has taken up,"
says the article which is written by
William J. Abbott, head of the Demo-
cratic Literary Bureau. "This is a
most gratifying fact," the article con-
tinues; "it indicates that should the
Democratic party, after mature delib-
eration, deny to the Admiral the nom-
ination which he seeks, it may, never-
theless, count on his hearty co-opera-
tion and his influence in behalf of its
efforts to end the evils of McKinleyism
by ending the reign of Emperor Wil-
liam I."

In commenting on the support of his
article, Mr. Abbott says:

"We are naturally delighted at the
prospect of such a distinguished acqui-
sition to our ranks as Admiral Dewey.
But of course we expect the Admiral to
play fair and accept the good old
Democratic doctrine of abiding by the
result of an honest Democratic con-
vention."

Arthur Turner, of the fish market,
has a fine palm which he took from
some boys last night. If the owner will
call he will be glad to restore it.

OUR RICHMOND
NEWS BUDGET.The Strike Situation from the
Southern Railway Standpoint.

WILL FIGHT TO A FINISH

Only One Hundred and Fifty Out of Twelve
Hundred Telegraph Operators Go Out—
How an Employee Quickly Solved a
Problem—The Old Dominion R. & E.
Case—Delegates to the Norfolk Con-
vention—Virginia and Tennessee Boundary
Dispute—Dr. McGuire Improving.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, April 14.—The officials of
the Southern Railway here say that out
of a total of 1,200 operators only 150
have so far gone out on strike. They
claim to anticipate no further trouble.
It is said that the road has no intention
of making any overtures to the men,
but will fight them to the end,
and will refuse to allow any of those
who walked out to return.

A rather unique case is that of a sta-
tion agent on the line of the Southern
in Powhatan county. He happens to be
postmaster as well as station agent.
When President Powell gave the order
to strike he put up the red signal in
front of his office and promptly obeyed.
Just about that time a mail train
blew for the station, and the agent be-
gan to reflect upon the punishment
likely to be inflicted upon the man who
should delay the United States mail.

The problem proved too deep for him.
He promptly returned to his key, and
has given up all idea of joining his
striking brethren.

On the Richmond division of the road
all trains are now running on time,
and there is reason to believe that the
men who refused to go out in this
section.

B. AND L. ASSOCIATION CASE.

The case of the Old Dominion Build-
ing and Loan Association, which has
been cited as a motor-car expert in the
State, came up again this morning in
the Chancery Court.

The stockholders, represented by Col-
ter & Wise, Oren Howard and others,
seek to have a receiver appointed, while
the Association, represented by Leake
& Carter and B. Rand, Wellford,
and other stockholders, represented by C. V.
Meredith and Hill Montague, seek to
prevent the appointment of a receiver.
These gentlemen appeared before Judge
Lamb, and, after some argument, at
the suggestion of Mr. Meredith and
Judge Leake, and with the consent of
the lawyers on the other side, the case
was further postponed to May 10th.

The decision of Judge Lamb in post-
poning the case was designed to allow
the stockholders to settle affairs in
their own way, without being put to
needless expense.

DELEGATES CONVENTION.

A mass-meeting of the Democrats of
Henrico was held this morning to select
delegates to the State Convention at
Norfolk.

All of the delegates go uninstructed,
except those from one district, three in
number, who were, after a sharp de-
bate, instructed to vote for a constitu-
tional convention.

BOUNDARY DISPUTE.

The Governor and the Attorney-Gen-
eral will leave here Monday morning
for Washington to confer with similar
officers from Tennessee as to the bound-
ary line between the two States.

The line marked out by the State of
Bristol, and the question is
which State shall secure the whole city.

DR. MCGUIRE.
Dr. Hunter McGuire continues to im-
prove, although his power of speech has
not yet returned.

A Boycott Declared.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Atlanta, Ga., April 15.—The Order of
Railroad Telegraphers to-night de-
clared a boycott on the Southern rail-
way and hope to make it effective
through the ticket and freight agents
of the United States and the Federa-
tion of Labor. Telegrams were sent
to-night by President Powell to the
twenty thousand ticket and freight
agents in the United States asking them
to route passengers and freight via
other lines than the Southern pending
the present trouble. A message was
also sent President Gamers, of the
Federation of Labor, requesting him to
boycott the railroad.

A Train Derailed.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
Danville, Va., April 14.—South-bound
passenger train No. 9 was derailed near
Chatham, Va., this afternoon. The de-
railing was accomplished by means
of a spike on the track. The
train was taking going slowly at the
time, and no one was hurt by the ac-
cident. The train was delayed about one
hour and a half.

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BY DEPARTMENTS.

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"THE WOMEN AT THE TOMB."

monies were held, the gorgeous uni-
forms of the diplomats and soldiers,
the splendid orchestra and chorus and
the magnificent effect produced by the
grand staircase, up which President
Loubet proceeded to view the exposit-
tion, lined with some two hundred
picked men of the Republican Guards,
with jackboots, white breeches, gleam-
ing cuirasses, and horse hair plumes
streaming from shining helmets. At the
top of this stairway was a room, the
interior of which could be seen from the
Salles des Fetes, and this was hung
with priceless gobelins from the Lou-
vre. Into this splendid apartment Presi-
dent Loubet entered and from there
walked down the avenue to his boat.
This part of the day's arrangements
was perfect, but the rest was chaos.

A HOLIDAY.

The afternoon was a holiday in Paris
by general consent, and a host of
country people crowded into the city
to swell the multitudes who from an
early hour trudged in the direction of
the Exposition and took up positions
along the route of the Presidential pro-
cession and at the approaches to the
grounds. Hundreds of vehicles did not
reach the Exposition at all, and the
occupants were either left stranded en
route or were obliged to abandon their
carriages and proceeded on foot.

THE CEREMONIAL.

The ceremonial within the Salles des
Fetes was simplicity itself. The re-
ception of President Loubet at the en-
trance lasted but a few seconds, and
on reaching the Presidential tribune,
M. Millerand, the Minister of Com-
merce, immediately delivered an ad-
dress, handing over the Exposition to
the Chief of State. The address was
couched in most eloquent terms and

tween a hedge of Guards with fixed
bayonets to the grand staircase which
the party ascended, the cuirassiers lin-
ing the steps, saluting. This was the
moment when the climax of enthusiasm
was reached within the hall which rang
with shouts of "Vive Loubet!"

On reaching the summit of the stair-
way President Loubet gave a last look
at the scenes about him and then en-
tered the Salon of Honor, where the
ceremony of presentation of Commis-
sioners of Foreign Nations was gone
through.

THE AMERICAN PAVILION.

Reaching the American pavilion, the
Stars and Stripes were dipped from the
flagstaff, and two American marines,
stationed one on each side of the Wash-
ington statue, waved a tri-color, while
the crowd of Americans gathered on
the embankment in front of the pavil-
ion gave President Loubet a ringing
cheer. The President was greatly
pleased at this little courtesy and
turning to Ambassador Porter, who
was beside him on the boat, he re-
marked:

"The American always does right;
this is a magnificent building."